

REMARKS

1. Claim 1-12 and 21 are pending in the application. Claims 13-16 have been withdrawn from consideration. (Claims 17-20 were previously cancelled by Amendment). Claims 1-6 and 10 and 12 were previously allowed. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicant requests allowance of the application.

2. Examiner's Interview. Applicant is grateful for the helpfulness and courtesy shown in an Examiner's Interview on April 3, 2007. Applicant has amended Claims 7-9 and 21 in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

3. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant is grateful for the indication at the Examiner's Interview that this rejection would be withdrawn.

4. Claim Rejections under §103a. Claim 7 stands rejected over Hong (U.S. Patent 5,665,240) alone. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Independent Claim 7 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 8 and 10 in accordance with the helpful suggestions of the Examiner in the Examiner's Interview. Applicant therefore

respectfully requests that the rejection to Claim 7 be withdrawn and the claim be allowed.

5. Claim 8 stands rejected over Hong in view of Casolo (U.S. Patent 3,985,648) and Hong. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 8 has been amended in the same manner as claim 7, and now recites activated carbon. This combination of elements is not taught or suggested by the cited references. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and the claim be allowed.

6. Claim 9 stands rejected Hong and further in view of Faylor (U.S. Patent 3,870,033). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 9 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions in the same manner as claim 7, reciting the chambers and the use of activated carbon. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

7. Claim 21 stands rejected over Hong in view of Faylor, and further in view of Christensen et al (US Patent 5,932,111). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 21 has been amended to recite "a first trap which filters solids from the wastewater of greater than a predetermined size and comprises one of charcoal and coal," similar to the language of allowed claim 6. Claim 21 also recites three chambers, each containing one of the traps, and defines the order of the traps. This combination of features is clearly not taught or suggested in the art of record. Claim 11, reciting the use of an oxyhydroxide at the metals trap, has been amended to

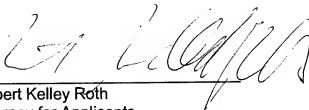
depend upon Claim 21 and therefore should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 21. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and the claim be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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